

StorefrontMB
Architecture/Design/Urbanism



BENCHMARK

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — 2017 / 2018 EDITION



2017 Edition, Scattered Spheres. Photo by Stationpoint Photographic



2017 Edition, Pothole Bench, Photo by Stationpoint Photographic

[COMPETITION SUMMARY]

The Winnipeg Trails Association and Storefront Manitoba invite design teams to submit proposals for a permanent bench to be located along the Pandora Pathway. We are asking you to put your skills to work and challenge the concept of a 'common' bench. We are looking for an intervention that has the power to stop people in their tracks and provide a place to wait, rest, read and more.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS:
Thursday, February 1st, 2018 at 4PM CST

[ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS]

The Winnipeg Trails Association is a coalition of volunteer trail builders and trail users who are focused on accelerating trail development and connectivity in Winnipeg. Our association consists of over 40+ organizations and partners who are promoting the use and development of recreational and commuter trails for the benefit and enjoyment of all Manitobans and visitors to our province.

StorefrontMB was established in 2011 to foster design culture in Manitoba. Since its inception, StorefrontMB has coordinated a host of events, including: forums, film series, the annual Winnipeg Design Festival, Winnipeg Commerce Design Competition, the Architecture Fringe Festival, Table for 1200, as well as publishing two books on Manitoba Architecture. The organization is overseen by a board of directors that draws from all spatial disciplines: Landscape, Architecture, Interiors, and Planners.



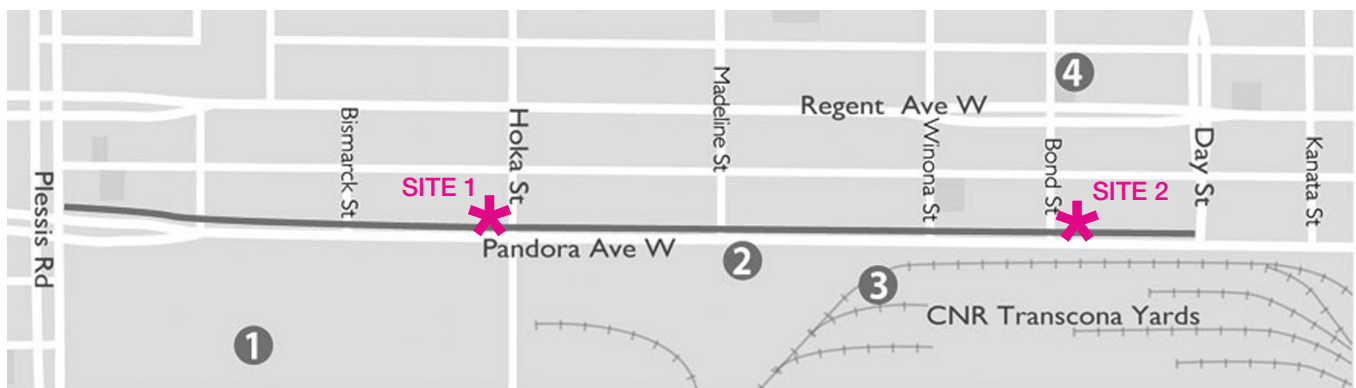
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[GENERAL SITE INFORMATION]

Two sites have been identified along the Pandora Pathway. Design teams will select one of the sites for their bench installation [Refer to Page 5, Submission Requirements]:

SITE 1 - HOKA site

SITE 2 - BOND site



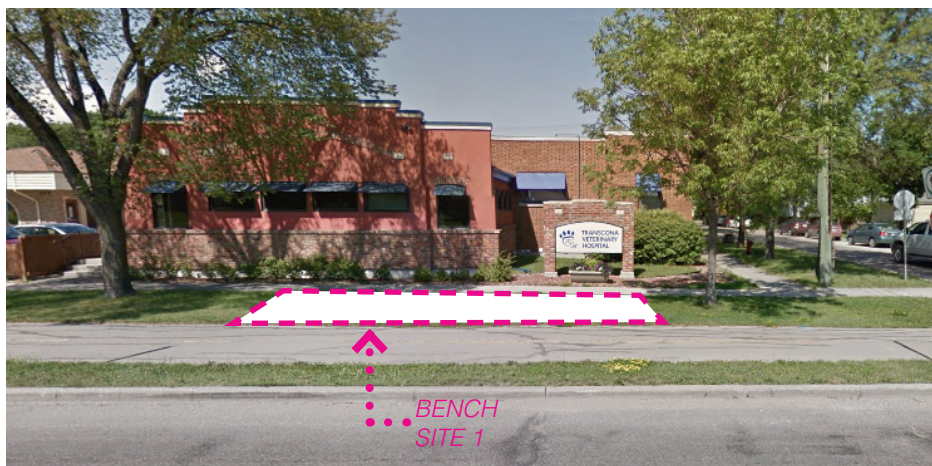
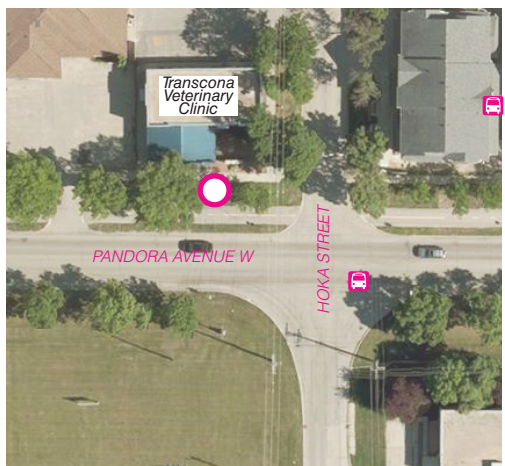
<http://www.winnipegtrails.ca/trails-maps/pandora-path/>



Points of Interest

- ① New Flyer Industries
- ② VAE Nortrak
- ③ CNR Transcona Yards
- ④ Transcona Historical Museum

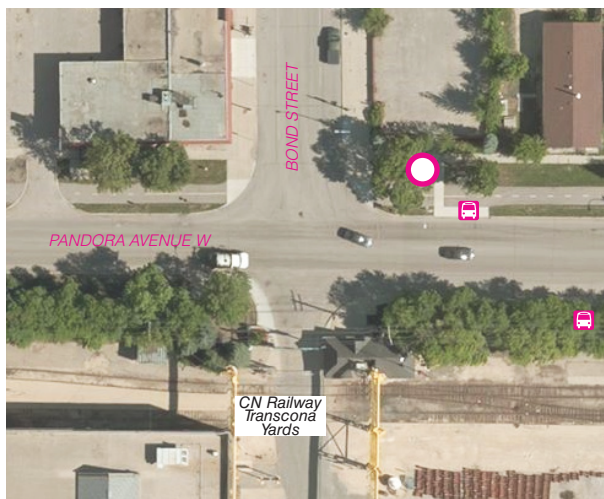
SITE 1: HOKA SITE



[\[DOWNLOAD ALL MAPS + PHOTOS\]](#)

Site 1 is located along the Pandora Pathway at the corner of Pandora Avenue and Hoka Street, adjacent to the Transcona Veterinary Hospital. This location is bordered by a veterinary clinic, chiropractor and insurance broker to the north, residential neighborhood to the east and west, and the New Flyer Industries to the south. The proposed bench would be adjacent to the existing multi-use pathway, refer to the '[DOWNLOAD ALL MAPS + PHOTOS]' link above for additional photos and information. The bench can be located anywhere within the bench site boundary shown above. The bench design and / or location cannot obstruct the existing public sidewalk or multi-use pathway. Note that the addition of an asphalt or granular pad at this location is not the responsibility or cost of the designer. The Benchmark curators will coordinate the location and installation of the pad prior to the bench placement.

SITE 2: BOND SITE



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Site 2 is located west of the Hoka Site and is bordered by a parking lot to the north, residential neighborhood to the east and west, and the CN Railway Transcona Yards to the south. The proposed bench would be adjacent to the existing multi-use pathway, refer to the '[DOWNLOAD ALL MAPS + PHOTOS]' link above for additional photos and information. The bench can be located anywhere within one or both bench site boundaries shown above. The bench design and / or location cannot obstruct the existing public sidewalks or multi-use pathway. Note that the addition of an asphalt or granular pad at this location is not the responsibility or cost of the designer. The Benchmark curators will coordinate the location and installation of the pad prior to the bench placement.

[DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS]

The deadline to submit proposals electronically is **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2018 at 4pm (Central Time)**. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

For further Information contact: Anders Swanson – Winnipeg Trails Association
Email: benchmark@winnipegtrails.ca

[BUDGET + HONORARIA]

A final budget for each bench will be subject to funding. The breakdown is as follows:

Team / Artist Fees:	\$1,500
Bench Fabrication & Installation:	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total Budget:	\$7,500

The winning entrants will manage and oversee the construction of the bench in consultation with the [Benchmark] curators. Installation of the benches will be executed by the designers and paid for from the Total Budget.

In addition, up to \$1000 will be provided to help offset transport and accommodation costs for each winning team from outside the province of Manitoba. Out-of-province teams are encouraged to seek travel grants from their own jurisdictions to make up the difference.

Teams are also encouraged to source additional funding or in-kind contributions for their installations if actual costs exceed the Total Installation Budget.

[ELIGIBILITY]

This Call for Submissions is open to teams and individuals consisting of designers, architects, landscape architects, and / or artists. Individuals may be students, interns, or practitioners. Each team must include a contractor / builder with a proven portfolio of work relating to the materials / fabrication of the bench idea. Multiple submissions are permitted.

[SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS]

Proposals meeting the criteria outlined below shall be submitted in English to benchmark@winnipegtrails.ca before the deadline (with subject line: Benchmark 2017 / 2018 Design Competition). Email size must not exceed 7.5MB. Files must follow the format and entry requirements listed below for both team information and design proposal information (3 PDF documents).

Team Information

- Four page maximum [format for 8.5" x 11" printing];
- Name of proposed project;
- Individual or team members names with brief CV;
- Name of one main contact person, including contact coordinates;
- A maximum 100-word description of the individual or team including academic or professional association affiliation;
- Contractor / Builder Information: Name and portfolio of relevant work;
- Portfolio / Images of selected projects for which team members have been responsible. Images must be accompanied by a brief description for each project.

Information on individuals and team members will be withheld from the jury until the final selection. Information provided will be used to verify eligibility and assess whether teams have the capacity and expertise required to manage the design and construction of the installation.

Design Proposal Information

Page One:

- Project Summary, including site selection [format for 11" x 17" printing, landscape];
- 100 to 150 word text describing the overall design idea and the experience offered to visitors;
- Minimum of one 3D rendering showing the bench in its entirety;
- Discretionary Images: concept diagram(s), precedents (sourced), etc.

Page Two:

- Design Details [format for 11" x 17" printing];
- Plan / elevation(s) of the bench indicating size and the specific materials proposed;
- Diagram(s) and / or detail(s) indicating method of construction & installation.

Submission documents must be in landscape format, PDFs with 300dpi resolution and be organized into two separate PDF documents.

[SCHEDULE]

December 2017	Launch of the Call for Proposals
February 1, 2018	Deadline for Competition Submissions [electronic]
February 5, 2018	Adjudication
February 12, 2018	Announcement of the chosen projects
February 23, 2018	Deadline to submit Preliminary Construction Drawings & Budget
March 16, 2018	Submission of Final Construction Drawings / Construction Budget (incorporating comments from the Technical Advisors)
March 23, 2018	Final approval of Construction Drawings & Budget by curators and technical committee
April - June 2018	Fabrication of benches begins off site
June 2018	Benches are unveiled on International Trails Day

[JURY PANEL]

The Competition Jury is composed of the following individuals:

Judy Redmond	Universal Design Coordinator, The City of Winnipeg
Alex Morrison	Executive Director, Transcona BIZ
Kaoru Ryan Klatt	Artist, Filmmaker
Dirk Blouw	Architect, Public City Architecture Inc.
Leanne Muir	Landscape Architect & Instructor, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba

alongside Co-Curators of Benchmark 2017 / 2018:

Anders Swanson	Curator, BENCHmark 2017/2018; Coordinator / Manager, Winnipeg Trails Association
Suzy Melo	Curator, BENCHmark 2017/2018; Board Member, StorefrontMB; Landscape Architect, ft3

Post-selection Technical Advisors:

Christina Harris	City of Winnipeg
Marc Laurin	City of Winnipeg
Jean-Luc Lambert	City of Winnipeg
Stephanie Whitehouse	City of Winnipeg
Jon Reid	Wolfram Engineering

[EVALUATION CRITERIA]

Winning proposals will be selected by the jury based on:

- Creativity, originality, clarity of the design;
- Ease of fabrication and maintenance;
- Durability of the bench;
- Budget and potential for public engagement;
- Adheres to the items listed below from the City of Winnipeg Universal Design Standards.*
http://winnipeg.ca/ppd/Documents/Planning/UniversalDesign/Access_Design_Standards.pdf

***Important design requirements from the City of Wpg Universal Design Standards (Item 1.3.5, Pages 69,70):**

Seating shall:

1. be stable;
2. have a seat height between 430 mm (17 in.) and 500 mm (19-5/8 in.) from the ground;
3. have a seat depth of at least 444 mm to 610 mm (17 1/2 in to 24 in.);
4. have a minimum of two arm rests that shall be spaced no more than 700 mm (27 1/2 in.) and no less than 610 mm (24 in.). Where center armrests are provided they must allow a minimum seating area of 610 mm (24 in.). At least one seat shall be a minimum of 686 mm (27") in order to accommodate persons of larger stature;
5. incorporate a minimum of one seat or bench with a back that:
 - is equal to the seat length that extends from a point no more than 50 mm (2 in.) above the seat surface to a point no less than 420 mm (16 1/2 in.) above the seat;
 - is located no more than 64 mm (2-1/2 in.) from the seat surface to the horizontal back boards of the seat.

The selected benches will be announced in February 2018 on the Storefront Manitoba website and to local / international media. All winning participants will receive the results of the competition by email.

[FINE PRINT]

*All submissions to comply to the City of Winnipeg Accessibility Design Standards: http://winnipeg.ca/ppd/Documents/Planning/UniversalDesign/Access_Design_Standards.pdf

*Wpg Trails Association and StorefrontMB reserve the right to use & distribute submission documentation and images for promotion and publication.

*Wpg Trails Association and StorefrontMB reserves the right to reject any and all submissions for a specific site.

*The scope of [Benchmark] 2018 is contingent upon funding.